



METRO Orange Line Update

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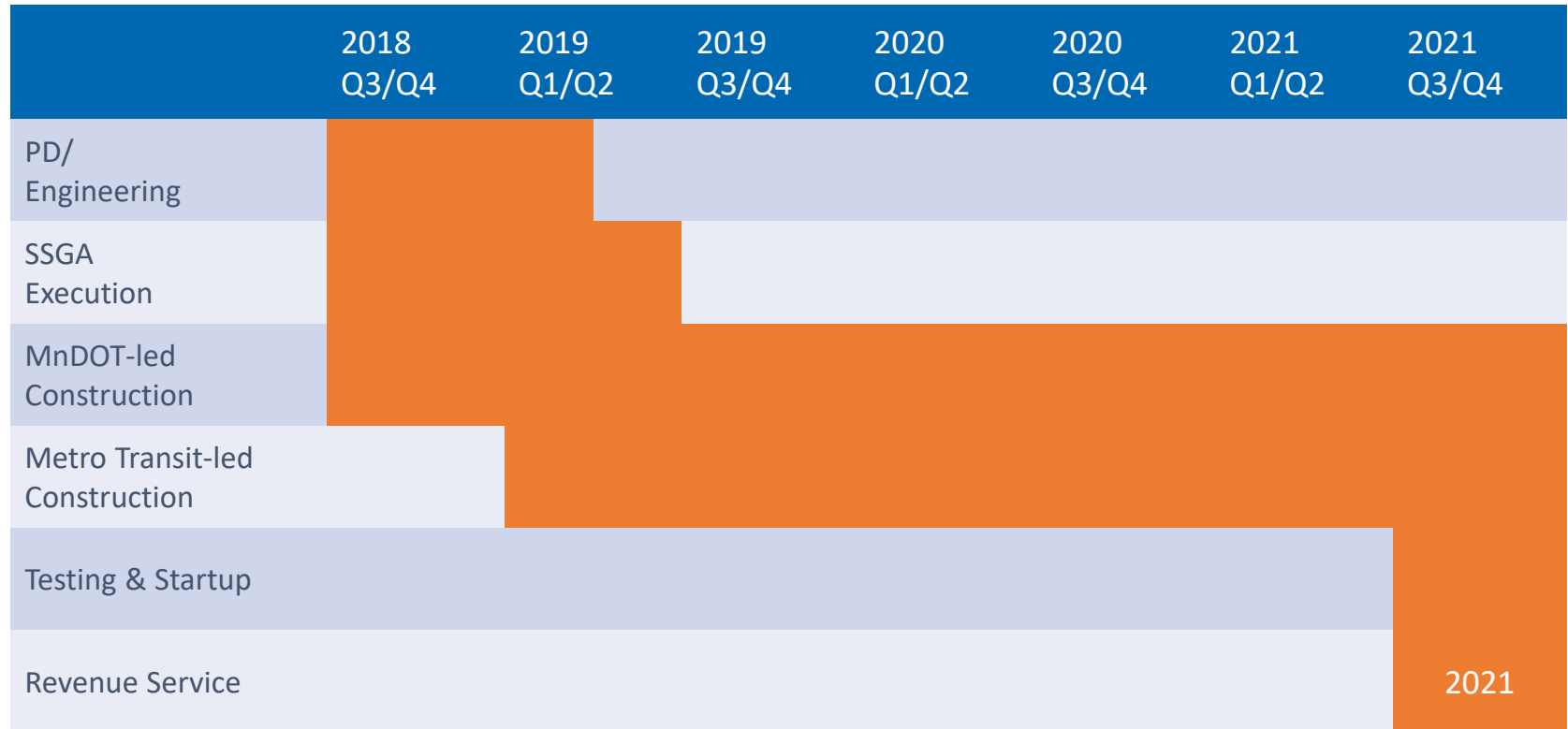
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Full Project Funding Announced November 28

- \$74 million in federal funding means transit project is fully funded
- Total project cost stable at \$150.7 million
- Federal grant moves Orange Line into final stages of construction
- FTA funds will come as a single-year grant
- Local funders include Hennepin and Dakota Counties, State of Minnesota, Met Council, and former Counties Transit Improvement Board



Overall Project Schedule

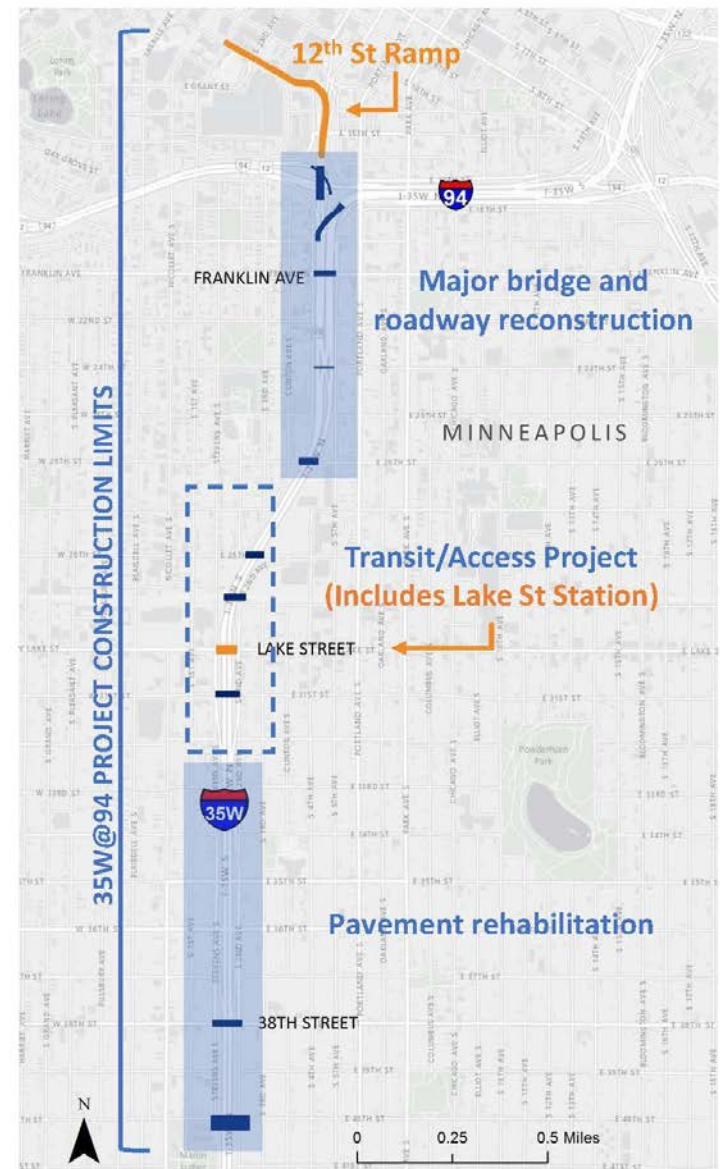


Knox Avenue Transitway Design



Construction Update

- Two components of Orange Line scope delivered through MnDOT's 35W@94 construction project
- MnDOT transit work began in Spring 2018
 - 12th Street Ramp
 - Lake Street Station
- In November, all 35W bus routes returned to Highway 65, providing a significant time savings and travel time advantage over general purpose traffic



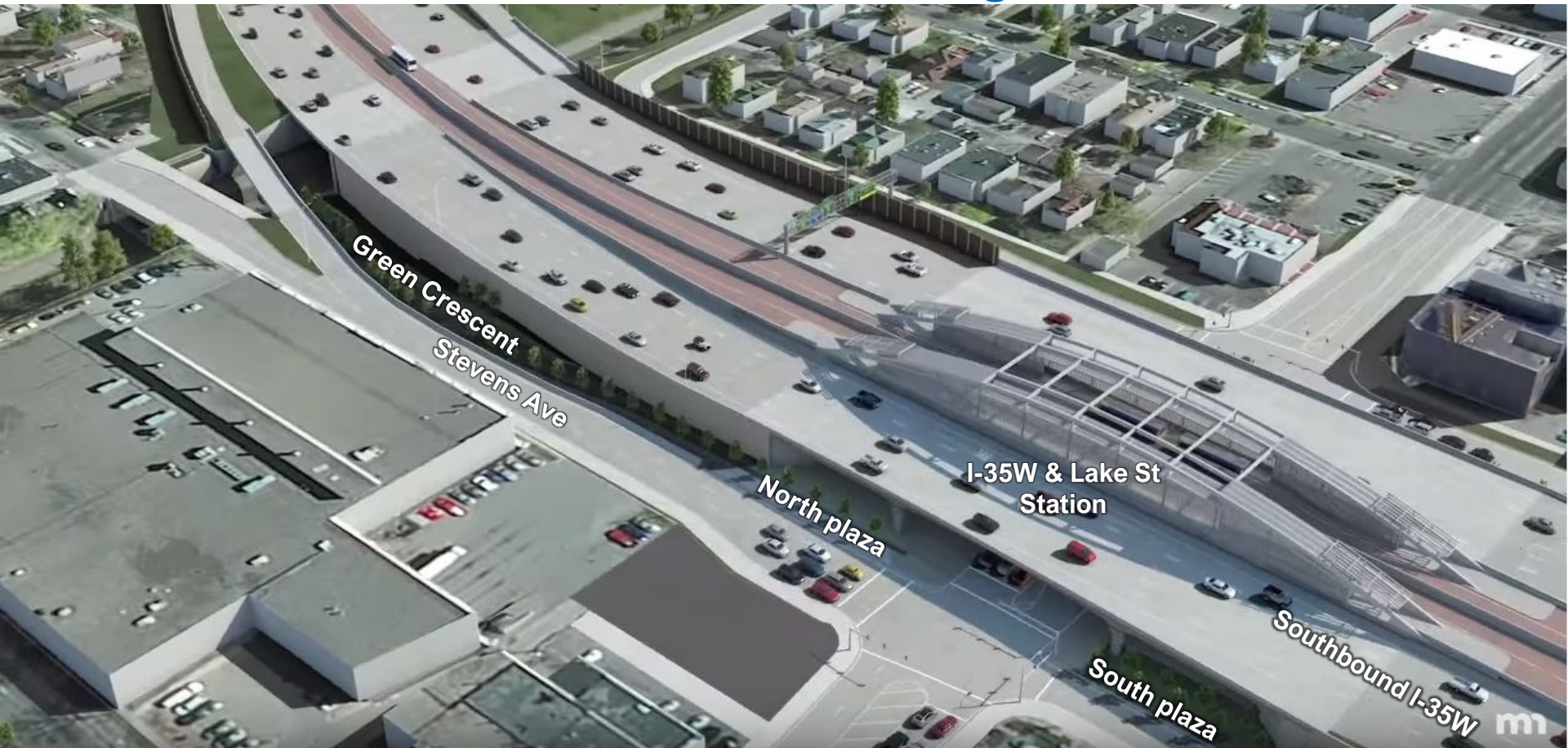
12th Street Ramp Rendering



12th Street Ramp Progress, October 2018



I-35W & Lake Street Station Rendering



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Six Month Look Ahead

- Continue major construction on Highway 65 and I-35W, closely coordinated with MnDOT
- Receive MnDOT approval of Knox Avenue Transitway design, advertise and award construction contract
- Execute Small Starts Grant Agreement with FTA
- Finalize construction agreements with MnDOT
- Plan community celebrations around Orange Line full funding and Knox construction launch
- Enter new phases of public engagement

